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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ben Vidrickson at 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 1993 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Martha Ozias, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Betty McBride, Director, Division of Vehicles
Brad Bryant, Secretary of State's Office

Others attending: See attached list

Betty McBride addressed the committee in support of **SB 159** which would increase the photograph fee for a driver's license. The fee increase will be used to fund a Digitized Imaging Licensing System. This system is being studied because it would enable the division to implement the motor voter law, allow for storage of voter registration information and enable the division to store the image of the applicant, thus reducing the possibility of fraud. She stated that in the event that the division was not allowed to install the digitized system, a fee increase is still necessary as there will be an increase in the photograph fee after July 1, 1993. (See Attachment A)

Betty McBride also spoke in support of **SB 160**. This bill would repeal section 1 of chapter 197 of the 1992 Session Laws of Kansas and would make the new law effective on the same date as the contract for the driver license photograph material. (See Attachment B)

Brad Bryant spoke in support of **SB 159** and **SB 160** because these bills would facilitate implementation of last year's motor-voter statute. It was stated that **SB 159** would develop and pay for a new electronic system of driver's renewal and the motor-voter program that would develop alongside that system. He explained that **SB 160** would move the implementation date for motor-voter to July 1, 1994 and would allow the Division of Motor Vehicles to conclude their contract with the current vendor for driver's license renewal and develop a new system. (See Attachment C)

Betty McBride then appear before the committee in support of **SB 161**. This bill would reduce the time an applicant who has completed a driver training course would be issued a license without taking an examination. The current law allows an applicant to wait as long as two years and it was felt that in that length of time an applicant could forget learned skills or develop a medical condition which could interfere with their ability to drive safely.

The chairman asked for discussion. Senator Brady made a conceptual motion to strike the \$3.00 in **SB 159** and leave as \$2.00. This was seconded by Senator Burke. Motion passed.

Senator Burke then made a motion to pass **SB 159** favorable as amended. This was seconded by Senator Tiaht and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Emert to recommend **SB 160** favorable for passage. Senator Tiaht seconded this and the motion carried.

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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES, Room 254-E
Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m. on January 9, 1993.

Senator Brady made a motion to pass **SB 161** favorably . Senator Emert seconded this and the motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned by the chairman.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 1993.

GUEST LIST

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Department of Revenue
Division of Vehicles

To: Honorable Ben Vidricksen, Chairman
Members of the Senate Committee on Utilities and Transportation

From: Betty McBride, Director, Division of Vehicles
Kansas Department of Revenue

Date: February 9, 1993

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee,

My name is Betty McBride. I am the Director of the Kansas Division of Vehicles, and I am appearing before you on behalf of the Department of Revenue regarding Senate Bill 159.

This bill amends K.S.A. 8-243 increasing the photograph fee for a driver's license to \$2.00 but not more than \$3.00. The fee increase will be used to fund a Digitized Imaging Licensing System.

The division is exploring the technology of a digitized image licensing system at this time for several reasons. First of all, because digitized imaging will produce over 200 different forms, it will enable the division to implement the motor voter law which requires the division to provide a voter registration form on the same form as the driver license application. It will also allow the division to store voter registration information and transfer the information at a later time to the Secretary of State. Second, digitized imaging will enable the division to store the image of the applicant, which can be accessed by law enforcement or a driver license examiner for comparison, thus reducing the possibiltiy of fraud. This is a feature not now available in the division.

In the event that we are not allowed to install the digitized system, a fee increase will still be necessary as we are anticipating an increase in the photograph fee from our current vendor after July 1, 1993.

Due to the urgency to move forward in the implementation of the motor voter law, I ask you to pass favorably on this bill.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

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Date: February 9, 1993

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee,

My name is Betty McBride. I am the Director of the Division of Vehicles, and appear before you on behalf of the The Department of Revenue, regarding Senate Bill 160.

The 1992 Legislature passed Senate Bill 84 which makes it possible to register qualified voters at the same time they renew their driver license.

The department is requesting Senate Bill 160 to change the effective date to July 1, 1994, instead of January 1, 1994. This change is requested to make the new law effective on the same date as the contract for driver license photograph material expires with the current vendor.

I ask the committee to pass favorably on this bill. I stand for your questions.

Bill Graves
Secretary of State



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Testimony of
Brad Bryant, Secretary of State's Office
before the
Senate Transportation and Utilities Committee
February 9, 1993

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the committee.

We in the office of the Secretary of State support passage of SB 159 and SB 160 because they will facilitate our implementation of last year's motor-voter statute.

SB 159 will help the Division of Motor Vehicles develop and pay for a new electronic system of driver's license renewal. The motor-voter program will develop alongside that system.

SB 160 will move the implementation date for motor-voter six months--from January 1, 1994 to July 1, 1994. This will allow the Division of Motor Vehicles to conclude their contract with their current vendor for driver's license renewal and develop the new system.

The Secretary of State's office has met with the Division of Motor Vehicles several times over the past 6 months to discuss implementation of motor-voter. Early in those discussions it became apparent that it makes sense to coordinate implementation of motor-voter with DMV's plan to move the driver's license renewal system to an electronic, paperless system. This will automate voter registration at the same time it automates driver's licenses.

One thing legislators should be aware of is the impact of the anticipated federal motor-voter bill. That bill, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, is expected to pass within days. It will greatly expand on the 1992 Kansas motor-voter statute, adding job service centers, tax agencies, hunting and fishing license outlets, and others to the list of agencies where voter registration will occur. It will virtually do away with the purging of names from voter registration lists and allow individuals to vote even if they failed to re-register after changing addresses.

If and when the federal motor-voter bill passes, it will require 1995 implementation for Kansas, it will require changes in the Kansas motor-voter statute and other laws, and it will require state funding.

We support passage of SB 159 and SB 160 to assist in DMV's move to an electronic driver's license system and to allow time for proper implementation of the current motor-voter statute.

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